

## REMARKS

By this paper, claim 2 has been canceled. Accordingly, claims 1 and 3-12 are now pending. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments herein prior to examination of the application and favorable consideration of the pending claims.

In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediments to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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